PACIFIC UNITARIAN SCHOOL FOR THE MINISTRY Berkeley, California

UNITARIAN WORD AND WORK

Monthly Bulletin of the American Unitarian Association, The Alliance of Unitarian Women, Young People's Religious Union, and Unitarian Temperance Society

Vol. XXIII | MARCH, 1920 | No. 6

American Unitarian Association

Headquarters: 25 Beacon Street, Boston

SAMUEL A. ELIOT, D.D., *President* — HENRY M. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer*

LOUIS C. CORNISH *Secretary* — W. FORBES ROBERTSON, *Assistant Secretary*

Ministerial Personals

Rev. Henry F. Jenks died on January 31st in his seventy-eighth year. He had served our churches in Fitchburg, Charleston, S. C., Revere, and Lawrence, Mass., and for the last thirty-five years has been minister and pastor emeritus at Canton, Mass.

Rev. J. M. Whiton died in New York on January 30th. He was a liberal Congregationalist who never formally joined our fellowship, but he served as minister of our church at Meadville and as lecturer in the Meadville School, and had always had close association with Unitarians.

Rev. Albert Lazenby died in Cambridge on February 9th. After an honorable ministry in Scotland and England he came to America in 1900 and served our churches in Chicago, Ill., and Lynn, Mass., until his retirement three years ago.

Rev. E. R. Shippen was installed at the Second Church, Boston, on January 20th; Rev. W. S. Nichols at Montpelier, Vt., on January 23d; Rev. W. F. Greenman at Greenfield, Mass., on January 23d; Rev. J. N. Mark at Uxbridge, Mass., on February 1st; Rev. W. C. Pierce at Waverley on February 8th; and Rev. T. M. Mark at South Boston on February 29th.

Rev. J. P. MacCarthy has resigned at Waltham, Mass.

Rev. C. G. Horst has resigned at Wollaston, Mass., to accept a call to Littleton, Mass.

Rev. H. Begun has accepted a call to Bedford, Mass., and Rev. E. J. Bowden a call to Milford and Wilton, N. H. Rev. E. Fairley has taken charge of the church at Flushing, N.Y., and Rev. T. P. Byrnes has taken charge at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Rev. W. H. Gardner has resigned at Hammerton, N.J., to accept a call to Sterling, Mass.

Appointments

The speaking appointments of the President of the Association, Dr. Eliot, in February have been at Brooklyn, N.Y. (twice); Montclair, N.J.; Cambridge, Mass; Boston (Unity House); Boston (Arlington Street Church); All Souls', Roxbury; and South Boston. During March he will go westward, with appointments at Fredonia, N.Y.; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Columbus, O.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Chicago and Evanston, Ill.; Sioux City, Ia.; Omaha, Neb.; Denver, Col.; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

The appointments of the Secretary, Mr. Cornish, have been at Hingham,

Montreal, Dorchester (First Church), and Worcester.

The appointments of the Secretary of the Department of Church Extension, Mr. Simons, have been at Uxbridge, Lawrence, Newburyport, Dorchester (First Church), Worcester, Boston (Arlington Street Church), Waverley, Brockton, Hingham, Boston (First Church), Manchester, N.H., and Providence, R.I.

Field Secretary Brown has completed his work at Oklahoma City and is now at Niagara Falls, N.Y., preparing for the coming of a minister.

Buildings

A year ago the Unitarian Church in Montclair, N.J., was destroyed by fire. On Sunday, February 1st, the new building was dedicated with appropriate and significant exercises. Dr. Eliot preached the re-dedication sermon, the Mayor of the city and the leading ministers were present with words of congratulation and goodwill. A fine new parish house at the rear of the church is not yet completed but will be occupied in the spring.

The society at Newton Center has raised in cash and pledges $45,000 for the rebuilding of its church. The old location will be utilized and a practically new church will be built around the present structure. The parish house will provide ample facilities for the growing work of the parish.

The society in Hamilton, Ont., has sold its modest brick chapel, and has at present no plans for rebuilding.

The project for the new church in Washington is again taking form and by the time this issue of *Word and Work* is printed title will probably have been taken to a beautiful lot at the corner of 16th Street and Harvard Street, running through to 15th Street. New designs will be secured for the building to be erected on this splendid site.

Plans have been accepted and the money pledged for the completion of the beautiful church building in St. Paul, Minn., by the addition of the parish house which will double the capacity of the building and provide the needed facilities for social and educational work and a chapel for the junior church. Work on the new building will be begun in the spring.

Department of Religious Education

Letters from the middle west indicate a cordial reception from our churches to Rev. Hugh R. Orr, who has established a branch of our home office in Chicago. The Iowa conference has claimed his first time, and other sections are eager to secure his services as soon as possible. At the present writing he is on a trip which includes our churches at Davenport, Iowa City, Des Moines, Humboldt, Sioux City, Omaha and Lincoln, with Wichita, Lawrence and Topeka to come next. Similarly, letters come to us from the Pacific Coast containing expressions of heartiest welcome from all to Rev. Florence Buck who began her tour at Los Angeles, and is proceeding thence to our churches along the Pacific Coast from San Diego to Seattle.

The inherent difficulties of church-school work have long been apparent. In this day, in which growing knowledge of what needs to be done so easily overleaps inherited plans, methods and equipments, these difficulties assume at times startling proportions. Fortunately, the churches and the homes are coming to see that urgent need demands adequate support, so that there is on all sides an eager inquiry as to the way in which the new situation is to be met.

There are two ways in which the new religious education may be promoted. The first is that which has chiefly occupied the Department of Religious Education in the nearly eight years of its existence. It con-

sists in the repeated and insistent presentation of the ideal to be approached, the preparation of suitable text-book and other material, and the stimulation and preparation of teachers, through institutes and by personal visits to the churches. This approach is thus from the technical side, and necessarily precedes the other, since in this as in all specialized work the plan and the plant are the primary requisites. Now that the work has progressed along these lines as far as it has, this Department is able to turn its attention increasingly toward the other method of approach, —through the church and the home. The first is interested because its renewed life comes most naturally and most wholesomely through the children born into and brought up to know and love the home church. The second, the home, is interested because it sees that the real well-being of the children depends very largely upon a religious training under socializing conditions, which it cannot adequately give, but which the school, supported by church and home, can give. It is therefore a most significant fact that from both church and home there is now coming to us a constantly and rapidly growing demand for help and guidance.

Under the first of these it is of interest to note that the letter sent out by President Eliot, calling attention to A Manual for the Confirmation Class and commending the custom of preparing our young people for church membership, has brought many responses. Failure to induct our Sunday-school graduates into such membership is responsible for many weak churches. Free as we are from the twin vices of artificial stimulation of the religious emotions and the imposing of ready-made creeds, we should be the more zealous to harvest the seed-sowing and life-culture that has been going on through preceding years, eager also to meet half-way the desire of our young people to unite with those who are trying to promote the world's best interests. Not all our churches observe the Lenten season by holding special services. Those that do will naturally use that season for the instruction of their young people in the significance of the church, and even those that make no such special observance may well utilize the comparative leisure of those weeks for this purpose. The manual that has been prepared has been printed and bound in most attractive form, and is well suited to be a minister's hand-book, or a presentation volume to the young people who follow its instructions. It has been thought best, however, to issue another edition, identical in subject matter, type and paper, but bound in boards, so as to sell at a somewhat lower price. Announcement of this new edition will shortly be made.

In quickening the sense of responsibility in the home and preparing parents to do their part wisely in the religious guidance of their children, the Committee on Religion in the Home has led the way in admirable fashion. From present indications, this movement is likely to gain fresh impulse, both from the support of cooperating agencies and from the rising demand among our people for help along these lines. For this and other reasons the outlook is highly encouraging.

A new manual in the Beacon Course has been authorized and will now go to the printer. This is Rev. Frederick M. Eliot's book for pupils eighteen years of age. Its title, "The Unwrought Iron," is a refreshing departure from conventional usage in such matters, and his treatment of the assigned theme will be found equally fresh and stimulating. His purpose in the book is not to provide a ready-made religious faith for young people, but to lead them to develop for themselves a serviceable religious outlook and life.

A new bulletin, by Rev. Florence

Buck, has been accepted by the Committee on Bulletins and has been ordered printed. It is entitled "Religious Education for Democracy," and is in substance the address she gave at the last Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Sunday School Society, for which there has been a large call.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Religious Education Association is to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., March 19th to 21st. This convention will devote itself primarily to the discussion of the formation of public opinion, a matter of grave importance in a republic. We have frequently said that every Unitarian church should be represented in the membership of this organization, and that all who can possibly do so should attend the annual meetings and should receive and read the magazine, *Religious Education.* We shall be glad to answer any inquiries regarding this convention and this organization, or such inquiries may be sent directly to the General Secretary, Rev. Henry F. Cope, D.D., 1440 East 57th Street, Chicago.

A MANUAL FOR THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

By William I. Lawrance, Th.D.

60 pages. Leather, $1.00 net. $1.10 postpaid

Cloth, $.60 net. $.70 postpaid

This book, arranged under seven topics, deals with the universal religious experience and with the elements of our Unitarian faith, the closing chapter offering suggestions for a study of the local church and reasons for entering into church membership. The material permits of varied treatment, so that each worker may adapt it to his own needs.

THE ROAD TO UNITY AMONG THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

By Charles W. Eliot, LL.D.

80 pages. $1.00 net. $1.10 postpaid.

This is the address delivered by President Eliot last spring on the Arthur Emmons Pearson Foundation. It demonstrates that creeds and dogmas have always failed to produce either uniformity or permanence in religious thought and practice, and predicts that if the divided churches would submerge their theoretical differences they would find society generally favorable to union for the worship of God and the service of man.

THE FIRST CHURCH IN PLYMOUTH

By John Cuckson

Reprinted, by permission, through the courtesy of Mrs. John Cuckson

136 pages. $1.25 net. $1.40 postpaid

A modest summary, written in popular form, of the history of the venerable religious society—the First Church of Christ in Plymouth—the church of the Pilgrims and their descendants. Told with clearness and accuracy, it unfolds a bit of history as rich in characters and events, interesting, romantic, and heroic, as any in the annals of our race.

THE BEACON PRESS, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss LUCY LOWELL, *President*
25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. LUCIA CLAPP NOYES, *Treasurer*
25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. CAROLINE S. ATHERTON, *Rec. Sec.*
25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. ROBERT H. DAVIS, *Cor. Sec.*
Wayne, Pa.

A Message from Berkeley, Calif.

The Women's Alliance is an association of Unitarian women banded together for the purpose of quickening the religious life within our own Church, of bringing the women into closer acquaintance, fellowship and co-operation, and of working for the good of our community. All who are in sympathy with these aims are invited to join our ranks, and know the closer communion that comes of working together with others of like ideals for a common cause.

It is sometimes said that women cannot long enough forget the personal element to co-operate well in any large organization. If it *is* true that we feel the personal so keenly, can we not take advantage of our weakness and put it to some use,—for if the personal element means so much to us, then it does to all, and especially to the strangers who come within our gates. It may be just the work that is most needed of us,—to make all those coming into the Church feel our deep personal interest in them,—to be, really, the hostesses of the Church, as much interested in its upkeep as in our own homes, as much concerned that each guest be made as welcome, that each event go off as well. No committees or group of officers can do it all, but if each member will take the responsibility on her own shoulders there is no limit to the distance we can go together. If we each feel the same responsibility for every other as for the members of our own families, we shall be surprised at the strength of the bond uniting us. We ask every one coming into our spiritual home to feel free to come to any one of us, and ask of us anything that we can do, or to let us know of any cases in which our friendship would be of service. It is only as we give of ourselves,—our love, our sympathy, our time and effort,—to each other,—that the Church will be a power in our lives, and give back one hundred fold all that we put into it.

Executive Board

Miss Whitman, New England Vice-President, presided over the monthly meeting of the Executive Board held Friday, February 13, Miss Lowell being in New York for the reception tendered on that date by the New York League to the Laymen's League. Twenty-five were present, including Mrs. Pollard, a visitor from Dallas, Texas.

The following names have been placed *in memoriam*: Miss Caroline E. White, by the branch at Belfast, Maine; Mrs. Henry Endicott, Cambridge, Mass., by her daughter; Mrs. Adeline E. Harris, by the branch at Needham, Mass.; Mrs. Theresa T. Greene, Fitchburg, Mass., by her family; Miss Harriet Rogers, by Billerica, Mass.; Mrs. Henry E. Randall, by St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Anna O. Kimball and Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, by Kennebunk, Me.; Mrs. Henry P. Curtiss, by Newton, Mass.

The Treasurer reported $807 received for Appeals the past month, and over $900 for War Relief.

The Library committee reported a dozen books sent to Berkeley, Calif., and a like number to Lynchburg, Va., to be in each case a temporary lending library. It was voted to acknowledge with thanks the following gifts

to the library; Julia Ward Howe (two volumes), by her daughters, gift of the Post Office Mission committee of the Second Church, Boston; Dr. Grenfell's Parish, the gift of Mrs. H. Turner Hodgdon, from the library of her father, Dr. Francis H. Brown; The Priest (a third copy), from Miss Bancroft; Views of Religion, by Theodore Parker, from the Cambridge Post Office Mission Library.

The Rev. John L. Robinson, of Swansboro, N.C., sends hearty thanks for the clothing which he received from various branches. He and Mrs. Robinson personally attended to the distribution and assure us that everything was most gratefully received.

A most encouraging report from the Cheerful Letter committee told of the steady loyalty of the workers. Two hundred books offered by Milwaukee will constitute a school library in a small place in Georgia. The importance of having the Post Office Mission and Cheerful Letter committees in the branches kept separate, with a chairman for each, was emphasized.

Announcement was made that Miss Mary N. Phillips is to go south at once as Sunday School worker to assist Sunday Schools in South Carolina and Virginia, this being made possible by the response to the Alliance Appeal. The Disciples School has generously released Miss Phillips, one of its valued teachers, that she may undertake this field work.

Mrs. Louis C. Cornish was added to the International committee.

A letter of love and greeting was voted to Mrs. Chamberlain, Western Vice-President.

The following vote was passed: The American Unitarian Association having appointed a Commission to carry relief to our suffering Unitarian friends in Hungary, be it moved that the Executive Board of The Alliance express its hearty approval of the enterprise and its desire to co-operate with the Commission in furthering the work; and to this end the Board recommends to the International Committee that the further contributions received in response to our Appeal for Hungary be forwarded through the Commission.

Unity Club of Reading, Mass., has become a branch of The Alliance and the branch at Bellingham, Wash., is reorganized. The officers are to be found elsewhere in this number.

Reports were presented by six Massachusetts directors in person. Full reports came from the Pacific Coast: Oregon, Washington, and California.

At the next meeting, March 12, reports will be due from New England States, including three Massachusetts directors.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Books added to the Library since the Supplement was printed:

Allen, Annie W. Home, school and vacation.
Armstrong, Richard A.
"Come to me, O ye children."
Ashley, George T. From bondage to liberty in religion.
Athearn, Walter S. Church school.
Religious education and American democracy.
Atkinson, Caroline P., ed. Letters of Susan Hale.
Bailey, Carolyn S. For the story teller.
Benson, A. C. Along the road.
Betts, George H. How to teach religion.
Bolton, Sarah K. Every day living.
Brown, Howard N. Freedom and truth.
Bryant, William Cullen. Poems.
Burns, Robert. Poems.
Cabot, Ella Lyman. Ethics for children.
Our part in the world.
Calthrop, Samuel R. Heaven of the moon.
Carpenter, J. Estlin. Ethical and religious problems of the war.
Chadwick, John W. and Chadwick, Annie H. Lover's treasury of verse.
Chenery, Susan. As the twig is bent.
Chubb, Percival and others. Festivals and plays.
Clark, F. E. Children and the church.
Cobb, Cora S. God's wonder world.
Coe, George A. Psychology of religion.
Social theory of religious education.
Colvin and Bagley. Human behavior.
Cope, Henry F. Religious education in the church.
Religious education in the family.
Cosmos. Basis of durable peace.

Crooker, J. H. Winning of religious liberty.
Crothers, S. M. Pleasures of an absentee landlord.
Curtis, Henry S. Play and recreation.
Davis, Ozora S. John Robinson.
Dewey, John. Moral principles in education.
Dodson, George R. Sympathy of religions.
Dole, Charles F. Ethics of progress.
Dubois, Patterson. Beckonings from little hands.
Duncan, Norman. Dr. Grenfell's parish.
Eliot, Charles W. Road to unity among the Christian churches.
Espey, Clara E. Leaders of girls.
Fiske, John. Beginnings of New England.
Forbes, Edith Emerson, ed. Children's year-book.
Forbush, William B. Child study and child training.
Fosdick, Harry E. Challenge of the present crisis.
Meaning of prayer.
Foster, Frank H. History of the New England theology.
Gates, H. W. Recreation and the church.
Gladden, Washington. The interpreter.
Goodspeed, Edgar J. Story of the New Testament.
Gordon, George A. Aspects of the infinite mystery.
Griffis, W. Eliot. Pilgrims and their three homes.
Guild, Clara T. and Poor, Lilian B. Little child in Sunday School.
Hale, Edward Everett. Life and Letters. 2 v.
Hartshorne, Hugh. Childhood and character.
Manual for training in worship.
Hastings, M. Louise C. Behold a sower!
Hoben, Allan. Church school of citizenship.
Holmes, John Haynes. Life and letters of Robert Collyer. 2 v.
Holmes and others. Readings from great authors.
Horton, Edward A. Book of prayers.
Howe, Julia Ward. Passion flowers.
Hutchins, W. Norman. Graded social service for the Sunday School.
Innes, A. Irvine. Songs of the soul.
Jacks, Lawrence P. From the human end. Life and letters of Stopford Brooke. 2 v.
Jackson, Henry E. Community center.
James, William. Talks to teachers on psychology.
Johnson, Franklin W. Problems of boyhood.
Johnson, George E. Education by plays and games.
Jones, R. M. Inner life.
Jones, W. Tudor. Spiritual ascent of man.
Kent, George Foster. The shorter Bible. The New Testament.
King, Irving. Psychology of child development.
King's Chapel lectures. Religious history of New England.
Kirkpatrick, E. A. Individual in the making.
Kirkpatrick, J. E. Timothy Flint.
Knight, Edgar W. Some principles of teaching as applied to the Sunday School.
Lawrance, William I. Social emphasis in religious education.
Lee, Joseph. Play in recreation.
Linton, W. J. and Stoddard, R. H. English verse. 4 v.
Lyman, Eugene W. Experience of God in modern life.
Malleson, Mrs. Frank. Early training of children.
McMurry, F. M. How to study and teaching how to study.
Mendel, Lafayette B. Childhood and growth.
Miller, Elizabeth E. Dramatization of Bible stories.
Olcott, Frances J. Children's reading.
Palmer, George H. and Palmer, Alice Freeman. The teacher.
Parker, Theodore. Views of religion.
Peabody, Emily C. Lives worth living.
Peabody, Francis G. Education for life. Religious education of an American citizen.
Rauschenbusch. Walter. Theology for the social gospel.
Reeman, Edmund H. Do we need a new idea of God?
Religious progress on the Pacific slope.
Rich, A. Judson. Sunshine and shadow.
Richards, Laura E. and Elliott, Maud Howe. Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910.
Richmond, Mary E. Social diagnosis.
Rihbany, A. M. Militant America and Jesus Christ.
Shedlock, Marie L. Art of the story teller.
Skerrye, W. F. How and why.
Sketches of some historic churches of greater Boston.
Smith, George Adam. Our common conscience.
Sneath and Hodges. Religious training in the school and home.
Spencer, Anna Garlin. History of the Bell Chapel movement.
Spindler, George W. Life of Karl Follen.
Sunderland, J. T. Rising Japan.
Usher, Roland G. Pilgrims and their history.
Van de Meter, Virginia T. Little talks with mothers of little people.
Walker, Williston. History of the Christian church.
Ward, Anna L., ed. Songs of the sea.
Wardle, Addie G. Handbook in religious education.
Ware, John F. W. Home life.
Wells, Amos R. Teacher that teaches.
Wilson, Ella C. Demagogues and parents.
Young, Alexander. Chronicles of the Pilgrim Fathers.

International Committee

Mrs. Voigt, chairman of the International committee, recommends the following appeal: Sister M. Valentin Judlin appeals for a year's support for four war orphans. They have been gathered from the invaded districts and are without relatives. Forty francs a month will cover the complete care of one orphan, which at the present rate of exchange means not more than $33 a year per child. Sister Valentin is a remarkable woman, who was imprisoned for three years, accused of having concealed French soldiers in her convent. After her return to France, she received the Croix de Guerre. Should anyone feel moved to help her, a draft can be sent directly through Mrs. Noyes so that the work may be recorded as Alliance effort. Her address is, Soeur Valentin Judlin, à la Toussaint, Strasbourg, Alsace.

A letter from Fraülein Barth dated December 16, 1919, speaks of the church conference held in Dresden, at which the German church framed a new constitution:

At the end of the conference fifteen of its members were elected with fifteen representatives of the church government of the several German states to serve as the highest authority. Just think! I was the only woman among those fifteen members! It was totally unexpected by me but a great joy, notwithstanding the heavy responsibility. Our meetings are to begin in January. Prof. Titius and Alfred Fischer of Berlin also represent the liberal Christians.

In Germany we are still at the beginning of things—mountains of mistrust and doubt and prejudice must be overcome. We women should lead in an active enlightening work and I would like to make the following proposition:

Can we not exchange our publications and report to one another regularly the important church activities in which women are engaged, publishing all such as might promote a better understanding between us?

I look forward with expectancy to the suggestions you may give for our women's work.

With best New Year's wishes and friendly greetings, I am

Yours devotedly,
Carola Barth.

A letter from Mrs. Pelényi, Hungarian Red Cross worker in Holland, acknowledging the receipt of $235 from The Alliance, says: "Prof. Boros will be so happy for this gift which is going to help so many people. Without any income people like ministers, professors, judges, teachers, etc., are obliged to earn a little money as workmen, railroad porters, and at worse occupations. You may imagine what such a sum as that which you were good enough to send means to your co-religionists. It is just wonderful what the Unitarians in America and England have done, especially the friends of Prof. Boros."

The following contributions for Hungary have been received:

Reported in February *Word and Work*	$272.67
Transferred from Missionary Collection Fund	100.00
Jamaica Plain	5.00
A Friend	2.00
Youngstown, Ohio	50.00
Cincinnati, Ohio	25.00
Detroit, Mich., First Church	20.00
Wellesley Hills, Mass.	65.00
Deerfield, Mass.	10.00
Providence, R.I., First Cong.	50.00
Marietta, Ohio	25.00
New York League	30.00
Boston Second Church	10.00
Hinsdale, Ill.	1.00
Portland, Oregon	50.00
Dayton, Ohio	5.00
Brooklyn, Unity	5.00
Indianapolis, Ind.	20.00
Concord, Mass.	25.00
Petersham, Mass.	10.00
Chicago, Third Church	5.00

Eugene, Oregon	10.00
Geneseo, Ill.	5.00
Buffalo, N.Y., Parkside	10.00
Lynn, Mass.	10.00
Middleboro, Mass.	10.00
Roslindale, Mass.	5.00
Buffalo, First Church	50.00
Cambridge, Mass., First Church	100.00
Evanston, Ill.	5.00
Total	$990.67

BROOKFIELD, MASS. There are twenty-two members in the Hale Junior Alliance, and we hold our meetings every two weeks in the homes of the members. We made fourteen Thanksgiving baskets, filled with fruit, candy, and cakes, and sent them to shut-ins. We next worked for our Christmas Sale, making pretty little things for the Gift Table, and we cleared about $25. We send flowers or fruit for the Senior Alliance, when their members are ill or shut-in. Now we are planning to make bean-bags, with a cross stitch animal on each, for the Children's Hospital. For good times we have had a progressive supper, with the last course in the church vestry, where we spent the rest of the evening. We also had a supper just for the Juniors in the vestry, and a New Year's Eve dance. We have a splendid leader and good times at every meeting. We try to do whatever work we think is most needed, and we answer all the appeals we can in our church and our town, as well as those that come from afar.

Social Service

Our organization is less than one year old, we having only a small mission here. I am a business woman, with neither time nor experience suited to the place, but was made chairman of social service until we could develop a better one.

Our Social Service department was organized at the same time with the Alliance itself. In fact, we felt that social service was our chief aim, and that our Woman's Alliance was an instrument through which we could live our religion in constructive service to our community. Personally, I feel that we have done very little indeed, but our minutes show the following definite bits of work:

Donation to Travelers' Aid Society; donation to State Board of Charities; donation to Day Nursery, also sewing and personal visiting in the Nursery; donation and help with Christmas tree and entertainment for 600 orphans in the Tennessee Industrial School (a committee is working with the Governor to better equip this school); doing regular weekly work in the Tennessee Children's Home, an orphanage for small children. All these children, who are large enough, are brought to our School each Sunday by members of the Alliance, and regular visiting is done at the Home each week. We are preparing a Christmas party for them also, with a tree and a real gift of its own selection for each child. We endorsed the Mothers' Pension bill, and personally worked with members of the County Court to get the appropriation. We also helped with a Clean City movement, and hope to continue this work. We have done some prison work, sending books and magazines, writing letters and aiding the Pathfinders in their effort to build character in the inmates of the prison.

This seems very little when I look about and see the work that needs to be done, but when we grow to a real organization we can do more.

Chairman of Social Service,
Nashville, Tenn.

New officers of Alliance branches are: Beverly, Mass., *Acting Pres.*, Mrs. Charles R. Prichard, 77 Lothrop St.; Bolton, Mass., *Sec.*, Miss Florence Hayes; East Boston, Mass., *Acting Pres.*, Miss Elizabeth McBride, 32 W. Eagle St.; Gardner, Mass., *Acting Treas.*, Miss Harriet Kendall, 268 So. Main St.; Gloucester, Mass., *Treas.*, Mrs. Geo. O. Stacy, 7 Angle St.; Milton, Mass., *Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. Lincoln Bryant, Randolph Ave.; Newton Centre, Mass., *Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. John

E. Peakes, 69 Erie Ave., Newton Highlands, *Treas.*, Mrs. Daniel Adams, 91 Allerton Road, Newton Highlands; Templeton, Mass., *Pres.*, Mrs. Jennie M. Cobleigh; Westford, Mass., *Sec.*, Miss Eva Fletcher; New York, Messiah, *Cor. Sec.*, Miss Julia I. Way, 419 West 115th St.; Brooklyn, Samaritan, *Acting Pres.*, Miss Ella W. Prosser, 314 McDonough St.; Flatbush, *Treas.*, Miss Martha H. Stout, 112 Willoughby Ave.; Philadelphia, *Treas.*, Mrs. John Woodall, 227 Washington Lane, Jenkintown, Pa.; Toronto, *Sec.*, Mrs. Edwin P. Cass., 80 Pembroke St.; Memphis, Tenn., *Treas.*, Mrs. Edwin Dalstrom, 1552 Southern Ave.; Portland, Ore., *Rec. Sec.*, Mrs. Gordon Voorhies, 406 Lewis Bldg.; Salem, Ore., *Sec.*, Mrs. J. W. Cox, 372 North Winter St.; Woodland, Calif., *Sec. and Treas.*, Mrs. W. S. White, 435 Walnut St.; Reading, Mass., *Pres.*, Mrs. Susanne Noble, *Vice-Pres.*, Mrs. Mollie Sweetser, *Sec.*, Mrs. Grace Oldfield, *Treas.*, Mrs. F. L. Smalley; Bellingham, Wash., *Pres.*, Mrs. W. W. Ballaine, 148 Forest St., *Vice-Pres.*, Mrs. F. G. Eddy, 920 High St., *Sec.*, Mrs. W. H. Vincent, 4 B. Stephen Court, *Treas.*, Miss Earle, Roth Apartment.

Anniversary Week

A Word to the Branches

Plan now to send delegates to Boston for Anniversary Week, expenses paid. When you make your appropriations allow for this. Read what the Vice-President for Canada says (February *Word and Work*).

By the kindness of the Publication Committee of the A.U.A. all Post Office Chairmen are to be supplied with A.U.A. sermons as soon as they appear. Thanks to this co-operation we shall be able to know at first hand all new material issued by the Association.

The next meeting of the Monday Conference will be held at 25 Beacon Street, Monday, March 1, at 10.30. Miss Helen Howard will talk about the Carolina Industrial Schools. Miss Effie E. Whitman will preside. Everyone cordially invited.

The reception of the New York League February 13 was most successful. About five hundred people were present. Among the distinguished laymen were Mr. Strong of New York, Mr. Garvin of Lancaster, Pa., Mr. McCarthy of Evanston, Ill., Messrs. Adams, Barnard, Pear and Sprague of Boston. Rev. S. A. Eliot and Miss Lowell officially represented the American Unitarian Association and The Alliance.

On the recommendation of the International Committee the Board approves an Appeal for an International Fellowship Fund, to defray the ocean voyage of one woman representative of the liberal faith in the several countries with which we are religiously associated, that such representatives may be enabled to attend the Congress of Religious Liberals to be held in the United States in the autumn. From this Fund it is hoped to have at the Anniversary Meetings in May a representative of the British League, who has a special fellowship message that we wish to hear. This is our golden opportunity to promote international "acquaintance, co-operation, and fellowship," and we count on the ready response of the branches.

Effie E. Whitman,
Chairman of Appeals.

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$98
Tuckerman School	94
Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	450
Italian Mission	205
Sunday School Worker	243
College Centres Committee	66
Social Service Committee	78
Unitarian Hungarian Relief, unlimited.	
International Fellowship Fund, unlimited.	

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Rev. Houghton Page, *President*

Mrs. Cloyd H. Valentine, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR Y. P. R. U.

Between now and the May meetings, the national organization of the Y.P.R.U. would like to add to its membership as many organized young people's groups in our churches as possible. A contribution of any sum from the individual society makes it a member of the Y.P.R.U. Is not the Field work among the young people of our churches necessary? Will not each group of young people help?

Snatches from a few letters sent to the Y.P.R.U. office in regard to Young People's Sunday:

"We observed Young People's Day in the Atlanta church. The president of our Union was in the pulpit with me. She read the Scripture lesson and gave a brief talk. The offering was for the Union.

"We held a Young People's Sunday last Sunday with immense success. Two speakers, Constant Southworth and William Greene; one reader, Frank Kley." Second Church, Brooklyn.

"We are going to celebrate January 25th as Young People's Sunday in Ann Arbor, and we appreciate the suggestion. The young people will take all the service except the sermon or address, and have asked the minister to speak on 'Religion and the Spirit of Youth.'"

In many churches the whole service was conducted by the young people. At Melrose five young people took part in the morning service of the church. Some churches sent their entire contribution to the Y.P.R.U., others shared the cash collection with the local young people's group.

NOTES FROM THE NORTHFIELD Y. P. R. U.

At Christmas time the young people sang carols at the homes of the aged and shut-in members of the parish. Young people distributed fruits at this same time.

Topics suggested by Northfield:

The World Story: The Age of Fire.

" " " The Genesis of Life.

The Public School as a Social Centre.

Great Americans.

Public Health.

METROPOLITAN FEDERATION OF THE Y. P. R. U.

The second meeting of the young people of the New York and New Jersey churches was held at the Community Church the latter part of January. After supper, served by the young people of the Community Church, a brief business meeting was conducted by Mr. Southworth, the president. When the roll was called the results were very gratifying. Representatives from most of the nearby New Jersey churches were present, namely, Hackensack, Montclair, Paterson, Rutherford, Passaic; also from the three Brooklyn churches, the three New York churches, from Staten Island and Yonkers. Following the business session, short speeches were given by Mrs. Valentine, the Secretary of the Y.P.R.U., by Rev. Charles F. Potter, and Rev. John H. Holmes. The rest of the evening was given over to dancing.

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, *President*, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton, *Vice-President*, Cambridge, Mass.
Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, *Secretary*, 344 Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
Mr. Edward J. Rowse, *Treasurer*, 27 Richwood Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

BENEFITS OF PROHIBITION

From all sources the multiplied benefits of prohibition are reported.

1—Arrests for drunkenness fall to a negligible figure. Boston reports for the six months' period from July 1 to Dec. 31 a drop of 19,940. The Lowell, Taunton, and Fitchburg, Mass., jails are now closed for want of inmates.

2—Crimes other than drunkenness decrease appreciably. In Boston, Municipal Court traffic cases fell 1,371; immorality fell 769; drug and illegal medicine fell 284 during the first three months of War Prohibition.

3—Deaths also were reduced: from alcoholism 50 per cent, suicides 33 per cent. Accidents decreased about 45 per cent during the first three months.

4—Economic values on the other hand increase. Savings accounts multiply. The Home Furnishers' Association in annual convention discussed seriously means for supplying the unusual demands which they attributed to prohibition. A Boston newspaper points out that prohibition will soon reduce the inmates of Massachusetts asylums and other institutions at least 10,000 (from 50,000 to 40,000). The average cost per inmate is $400. Thus the State will save at least $4,000,000 annually on that one item. There is an estimated saving to the State of $250,000 on lessened cost of lower courts. Municipalities will benefit in proportion. The total revenue in the state from license fees was usually below $3,500,000. The tax payer will not grumble at prohibition when he sees how it works.

5—The moral benefits of prohibition are more striking than the economic. All our organized charities report "cases" which have developed from abject misery under the license system to happiness and respectability under prohibition. The home is found by experience to be the substitute for the saloon in a large majority of instances. The motion-picture theatre, club and church all benefit by the presence of men who no longer require the associations of the saloon.

THE BREWERS' LAST STAND

In the face of these benefits the liquor interests still hammer at the doors of national congress, state legislatures, and the popular ballot box for readmission.

A bill will soon be presented in Congress for the repeal of the Volstead Act. Bills are now pending in New Jersey, Massachusetts, Minnesota, and other states calling for a definition of intoxicating liquors that will admit the manufacture and sale of 2¾, 4, and 6 per cent alcohol in beverages. Cases are now before the courts challenging every conceivable point of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act. In many states plans are now under way for referendums on questions of definition of intoxicants, ratification of the Amendment and the like.

The benefits of prohibition can be preserved in America only by defeating these innumerable insidious attacks. In every state temperance people must be alert to prevent the passage of these wild-cat bills.

The Unitarian Temperance Society is on the alert in every State and locality where effective work can be done to secure to the people the liberty and prosperity won for them by prohibition.

Entered at the Boston Post Office as second class matter.
"Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in Section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917, authorized on July 8, 1918."